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CIA PROGRESS REPORT TO THE PSD:

SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1953

The outstanding development of the period under review has been the reorganization designed to strengthen the CIA structure for planning, conducting, and evaluating psychological operations. This reorganization represents the latest step in a series of reforms throughout CIA which were instituted by the present Director of Central Intelligence in the fall of 1950. It has been accompanied by a comprehensive reassessment of existing psychological activities and the termination of many which had proven ineffective, in many cases because of limited capabilities and the lack of qualified personnel.

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Preliminary study of the inventory reveals that the CIA psychological effort as a whole has placed emphasis on mass propaganda, and that economic warfare capabilities have nowhere achieved noteworthy proportions. Beyond these general impressions, it is somewhat difficult in the absence of a national strategic plan (and related country plans) to appraise [redacted] build-up for each critical area against the requirements of the national psychological effort for that area.

In the development of strategic plans which will serve as the starting point in the operational planning activities of its member agencies, it is believed that the PSE should not overlook the concrete factor of critical targets (indigenous sources of power) in each area, nor that of enemy psychological activity directed toward those targets. Thorough consideration should be given in all strategic planning to available intelligence estimates of area situations and related enemy psychological activities, and member agencies should be advised of basic estimates or analyses adopted for national planning purposes.

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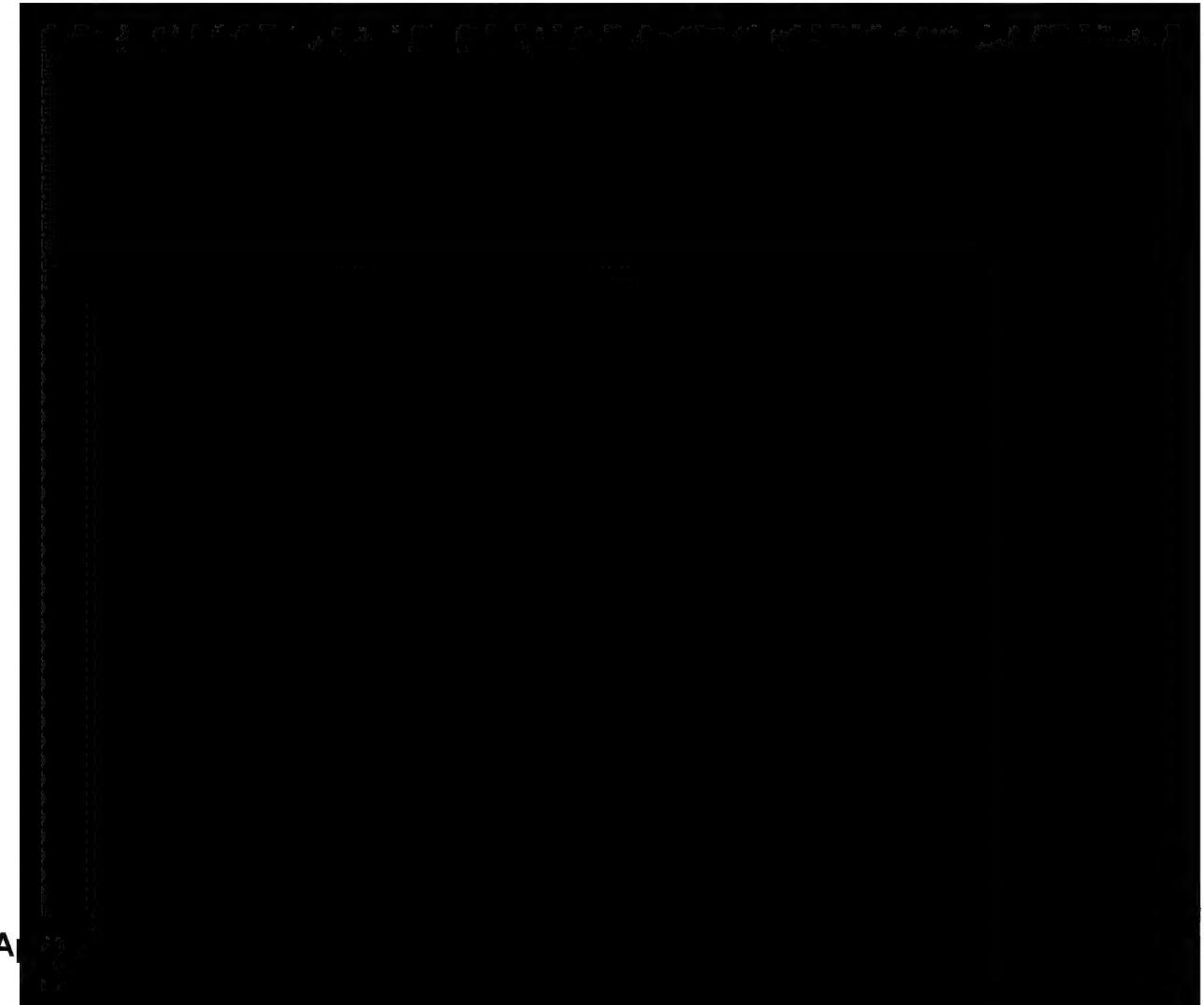
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1. The principal CIA effort in this area has been and will continue to be concentrated in Germany. Pending review of the recommendations of a recently completed field survey of the German situation, however, no new major activities have been developed. A high level of activity has been maintained in existing operations. The



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1. CIA psychological operations aimed at Soviet Russia remain
insignificant.

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3. What new evidence is on hand concerning the psychological impact of United States technical assistance in under-developed areas?

In the absence of a detailed analysis, it is impossible to draw valid conclusions concerning the psychological impact of U. S. technical assistance programs in under-developed areas.

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